



HOUSE BILL 4956 Amendments to the Michigan Food Law

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Our Mission

To protect, promote and preserve
the food, agricultural, environmental
and economic interests of
the people of Michigan.



Food and Dairy Division Mission Statement

To ensure the safety of
Michigan's food supply,
which is also critical to
strengthening Michigan's
food and agriculture
industry.



Food Safety Top Priority

The top priority for the
Michigan Department of Agriculture
is ensuring the safety of the state's
food supply from farm to fork.



Day to Day Food Safety

- Oversee all aspects of the food chain
- MDA Staff (17,000 food licensees)
 - processing plants
 - grocery stores
 - convenience stores and more
- 45 local health department partners (49,000 food licensees)
 - restaurants
 - schools
 - hospitals
 - investigate foodborne illnesses

Transportation Issues



Damaged Packaging



Moldy Cantaloupes



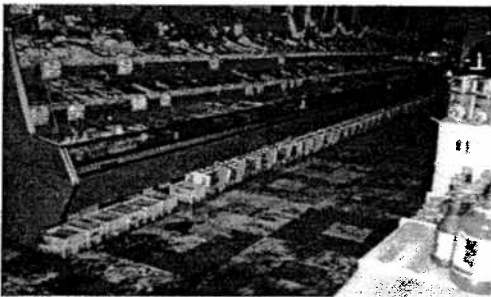
Rodent Issues



Label Violations



Structural Problems



MDA Partnerships (Examples)

Federal:

- > CDC
- > FDA
- > USDA

State:

- > Department of Community Health
- > Department of Environmental Quality
- > Michigan State Police

Local:

- > 45 local health departments
- > MALPH

Universities:

- > MSU
- > U of M

Non-Profit Groups:

- > Food Bank Council of Michigan

Industry:

- > Michigan Grocers Association
- > Michigan Restaurant Association
- > Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers
- > Michigan Meat Association
- > Michigan Farm Bureau

Food Law Background

- The Michigan Food Law was passed in 2000.
- Biggest overhaul of Michigan's food safety laws in 35 years.
- Adoption of the 1999 Food Code.
- Adoption of 2005 Food Code.

Food Law Background

Bill covers approximately 60,000 food establishments including:

- retail grocery and food service establishments
- school cafeterias
- caterers
- wholesale food distributors
- processing plants

Only meat slaughtering operations are excluded as they are covered by federal inspection.

Food Law Workgroup

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| • Michigan Restaurant Association | • Michigan Apple Committee |
| • Michigan Grocers Association | • Michigan Hotel & Motel Association |
| • Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers | • Michigan Farmers Market Association |
| • Michigan Meat Association | • Southwest Michigan Beekeepers Association |
| • Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators | • Great A&P Tea Company (Farmer Jack) |
| • Michigan Association for Local Public Health | • Michigan Retailers Association |
| • Michigan State University | • Michigan Licensed Beverage Association |
| • MSU Extension | • Michigan School Business Officials |
| • MSU Institute of Food Laws and Regulations | • Michigan Farm Bureau |
| • Michigan Agribusiness Association | • Michigan Distributors and Vendors |
| • MSU Food Safety Policy Center | • Michigan Sugar |
| • Michigan Food Bank Council | • National Sanitation Foundation |
| • Spartan Stores | • Michigan Food Processors Association |
| • Michigan Dairy Food Association | • Michigan Soft Drink Association |
| • Michigan Food and Beverage Association | |

House Bill 4956

GOALS:

- Increased protection for the health of consumers.
- Best current food safety science.
- Uniform industry regulation.

Key Changes to the Michigan Food Law

- Requires all food service establishments employ certified food service managers.
- Guidance on when to exclude or restrict an ill employee from work and when to allow an employee to return.
- Guidance on management's rights to find out about employee illness.

Key Changes (continued)

- Food managers must demonstrate knowledge of food allergens.
- Further restricts bare hand contact (need regulatory approval).
- Requires a risk-based inspection approach that engages food managers.
- Adopts federal regulations for seafood and juice processing.
- Improves efficiencies between state and local food responders in an emergency.

In Conclusion

- In 2000 Michigan took a big leap forward by enacting the Michigan Food Law.
- HB 4956 demonstrates Michigan's continued leadership in food safety by adopting the 2005 Food Code and other key advancements in food safety policy.
- Keeping our food supply safe and wholesome is the top priority of MDA.
- Food safety is really a team effort - and everyone has a critical role to play.



QUESTIONS?

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